



*Monday, October 31, 2011*

## **RSC Update: Keep America Open for Business**

### **From the Chairman**

A new report from the World Bank shows it's [getting tougher and tougher](#) to start a business and navigate the tax code in this country. This is a major problem for our economy, but it's a problem we know how to solve. Later this week, members of the Republican Study Committee will roll out a jobs package that helps people start and grow their businesses by cutting through red tape, simplifies the tax code, and tears down barriers to American energy production. We're looking to keep America open for business – and that means growing the economy, not the government.

House Republicans have spent all year voting for legislation to help the economy as part of our [Plan for American Job Creators](#). Right now, Senate Democrats are sitting on all sorts of House-passed jobs bills. It's time they work with us to get the economy back on track.

God Bless,

Congressman Jim Jordan  
Chairman, Republican Study Committee

**RSC Media Activity – RSC members work hard to ensure that the conservative viewpoint is well-represented in all corners of the media. Visit our [Media Center](#) for more.**

- Rep. Richard Hanna (NY-24): [3 Percent Withholding Hurts Small Businesses](#); Roll Call, October 26.
- Rep. Ed Royce (CA-40): [Keeping Criminal Aliens Off Our Streets](#); The FlashReport, October 27.
- Rep. Sandy Adams (FL-24): [Senate Must Act On Jobs, Economy & Meet House In the Middle](#); The Orlando Sentinel, October 28.
- Rep. James Lankford (OK-05): [Repatriation Boosts Job Creation](#); Politico, October 28.
- Rep. John Kline (MN-02) Interview: [Student Loan Plan Could Leave Taxpayers 'Holding the Bag'](#); Fox News, October 31.

**RSC Member Activity – RSC members make it a priority to introduce productive, conservative solutions for America's future.**

- Rep. Randy Neugebauer (TX-19) Video: [Eight Zeros: An American Challenge](#).

- Rep. Frank Guinta (NH-01) introduced [H.R. 3262](#), the *Government Results Transparency Act* (GRTA), a significant piece of legislation designed to make federal spending more transparent and accessible to all Americans.
- Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-05), Vice Chair of the House Republican Conference, joined 13 Republican women Members on the House floor for a [GOP Women's Special Order](#) focused entirely on Republican policies to protect America's seniors.
- Rep. Scott Garrett (NJ-05), Chairman of the Financial Services Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government-Sponsored Enterprises, unveiled his [proposal to reform the secondary mortgage market](#) to ensure robust private investment in the U.S. mortgage market without a government guarantee.

### **House Floor Activity – The following key legislation came through the House of Representatives recently.**

- On Wednesday, the House passed [H.R. 1904](#), Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011.
- On Thursday, the House passed [H.R. 674](#), which would eliminate the 3 percent withholding requirement on payments made to vendors by all levels of government, and [H.R. 2576](#), which amends the Internal Revenue Code to adjust the calculation of modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) in determining eligibility for federal health care-related programs created in ObamaCare.

### **Outlook – A quick look at what's on the horizon.**

- On Wednesday, the RSC is expected to roll out its jobs package.
- On Thursday, the House is expected to consider two bills to help job creators and entrepreneurs get access to capital (H.R. 2930 and H.R. 2940).

### **RSC Reports**

- RSC One-Pager: [The President's Student Loan Plan](#)
- Each week the House is in session, the RSC Budget and Spending Taskforce compiles a [weekly report](#) on the latest budget and spending news. Additionally, the [RSC Money Monitor](#) tracks how bills passed by the House affect authorizations, mandatory spending, and federal government revenue.

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